

Dear Paul,

1/13/78

Your 1/10/78 is, I think, extremely important in my request for fee remissions, C.A.77-2155. Jim does not yet know about it. I write while awaiting a call from him, after which there is an enormous amount of pressing, deadline work to which I must get.

It is becoming increasingly apparent to me that the FBI is treating you differently to cover its ass, the first FBI law. It thus will say that they do not treat me the same because I am some special kind of ogre.

What they have just done has Jim as angry as I have known him to be. He gets angry some infrequently I believe my recollection on this are dependable.

FBI Bill Shackelford's call of the 19th to you makes it certain that the FBI was lying to all others, from press to DJ lawyers, or the DJ lawyers were lying to Jim to inhibit what he might be able to do by lulling him into thinking he had more time than he did when he is so overloaded. The lawyers claim not to have known this date until 1/12. In fact, they ~~had~~ FBI hand-delivered a letter to Jim dated 1/19 - but made the hand delivery on the 11th. It forecast the release for "mid-January," not any date.

This is so important I'll be using it - have added it as a postscript to my long letter to AG Bell demanding that he stop all these dirtworks and punish those who have committed offenses. Pre-eminently Shea for his defamations and his misuse of process.

The hearing is now set for Monday, 1/16. I have arranged for a press conference that afternoon. Hearing at 11 a.m. I will distribute copies of my Bell letter and one to Shea, make a few comments and take questions.

I do not have time to check the records I've received on myself. They can be from more than one file. For example, my FOIA requests are under Internal Security. Some of those you sent have an Internal Security code number, 105, for those with nationalistic tendencies. (Like LHO.)

Agreed on Freed/Lane. Worse than you say, as Howard spotted immediately when I sent him a copy of that memo.

On Dean piece, it was clear you did not utter some of the direct quotes - as I did not.

62-109060-1009 can be important to Jim in out C.A.75-226. Sure wish I'd had it earlier. For those who might want to carry this farther, suggest that in chapter I think The Number of Hots in WW I traced some reloaded ammo and on the basis of what was then available correlated the learning of this with the end of searches. While there is no way of knowing for sure this sure is suggestive of the real reason for the FBI refusal to conduct the chemical tests on Q8, the whow bullet. They knew what they'd get.

Reur 12/27/77 to Larry: Mary has and has refused to return my copy of the suppressed La. Oswald political files. I loaned her my only copy while I was travelling. You are welcome if you can get her to give you a copy. For Larry, too.

While I appreciate your explanation on behalf of the AIB I do not regard it as really addressing what I said to them. Sorry I missed your copy for a day. I'll find it. I'd mislaid it on my way to where I put the outgoing mail.

Perhaps what Oglesby misquoted on prime time TV is in a mailing that has not reached me, as is what Katz quoted on the fragments. Or vice versa.

The fact remains that they are crooks and insufferably arrogant, particularly for crooks. They are disinformers and I can think of no use they can possibly make that is the equal of use in court. I just don't have time to fool with such people or falsifications. I fear that I'll also not be able to make use of your fine lists promptly. I can't keep the old hours and should not but I had to work until 1 a.m. today. I've not been out of the house in the 15 hours I've been up - snowstorm. Not even time to exercise today.

Thanks much for the very helpful 1/10 and the copies. Best,